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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW,
Washington D.C. 20554

**Re: *EX PARTE PRESENTATION --Telecommunications Relay Services And
Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech
Disabilities, CG Docket No. 03-123***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 7, 2005, Paul Ludwick Senior Business Development Manager for Sprint Nextel and the undersigned met with Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau ("Bureau") and Tom Chandler, Chief of the Bureau's Disabilities Rights Office ("DRO"). The overarching purpose of the meeting was to provide Mr. Keithley and Mr. Chandler with an update on Sprint efforts to deal with the ongoing problem of unauthorized use of its Internet Relay service. However, because the Petition for Rulemaking to Mandate Captioned Telephone, comments on which are due at the end of this month, was mentioned during the meeting, Sprint realized, albeit belatedly, that it should file an *ex parte* letter to explain that its discussion with the staff on the petition was limited to the fact that the petition raised a number of complex issues which needed to be explored in a rulemaking proceeding. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Jay Keithley (by email)
Thomas Chandler (by email)